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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 646
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: STB Ex Parte No. 646 (Sub. No. 1), *Simplified Standards for Rail Rate Cases* —
Notice of Intent to Participate

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the Board's Decision served in this proceeding on July 28, 2006, the North Dakota Public Service Commission, hereby gives notice of its intent to participate in this proceeding as a party of record. North Dakota Public Service Commission respectfully requests that the following representative be included on the service list maintained by the Board in this proceeding.

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Copies of all pleadings and other documents filed in this proceeding, and all decisions and orders, should also be served directly upon this representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William W. Binek".

William W. Binek
Special Assistant Attorney General